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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Hideyuki MATSUSHIMA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
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Application No.: 09/994,631 ) Examiner: Andre L. Jackson  
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Filed: November 28, 2001 )  
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For: SNAP FASTENER )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 7, with the following new paragraph:

In the other snap element 2, a base portion 5' of the flat base plate 4 is attached integrally on an edge portion 18 of the attached body 16 by injection molding. The through engaging hole portion 7 is made in the center of the base plate 4 and an engagement protrusion 10 which is protruded slightly inward is provided in the center of

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